

Grade 7 Persuasive Writing Task

WRITING SITUATION

Your state is considering whether to charge a \$2 fee for each person to enter and use parks and community playgrounds. The money would be used to maintain and improve buildings, fields, courts, and playground equipment. This proposal is controversial, and many citizens have strong opinions about the idea.

You decide to write an editorial for the local newspaper expressing your opinion about whether to charge a \$2 fee for each person to enter and use parks and community playgrounds.

WRITING TASK

Write an editorial for the local newspaper expressing your opinion about whether to charge a \$2 fee for each person to enter and use parks and community playgrounds. Be sure to include reasons, facts, examples, and other evidence to support your position.

Grade 7 Explanatory Writing Task

Many people work to improve their ability or skill at activities that are important to them. Think about an ability or skill that is important to you and that you have worked to improve. What did you do to improve this ability or skill?

Write an essay for a teacher in which you identify an ability or skill that is important to you and that you have worked to improve. Explain what you did to improve this ability or skill. Be sure to include details, reasons, and examples in your explanation.